

Bernd Böttiger has truly been one of the great stars of the European Resuscitation Council: he has played a major role in its development over recent years.

After a distinguished early academic career, much of it in Heidelberg, he became Chairman and Head of the Department of Anaesthesiology and Operative Intensive Care Medicine at the University of Cologne.

Bernd has received many research awards in Intensive Care Medicine, Emergency Medicine, and Anaesthesiology.

Bernd brings with him profound knowledge of, and experience in, Critical Care and Emergency Medicine that underpin any valid approach to resuscitation in all its aspects. In addition, he is a tireless worker and a first-class communicator with a wide circle of friends and admirers internationally. His powerful links with other key related national and international groups has provided a boost to the influence of the ERC. He is also a very popular colleague about whom one hears nothing but praise. There is nobody who will begrudge his outstanding successes.

We are fortunate indeed that Bernd began to devote an important part of his life to our Council from 2000. He has served on the editorial board of our Journal since 2002 and became one of our representatives to the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation the same year. He became a very successful Chairman of the ERC from 2008 as indeed we have all witnessed at this meeting.

The scientific contributions of Prof Böttiger are too numerous to mention. His several hundred publications attest to the influence that he has had, but I would particularly like to mention his seminal work on thrombolysis and to cerebral protection after cardiac arrest. The latter remains a matter of current key interest and one for which Bernd's involvement and expertise are of importance to us all.

I am particularly pleased at a personal level to have the honour of offering this brief citation. More importantly, to have Bernd become an Honorary Member of the ERC will bring pleasure to us all and credit to our beloved organization.

Bernd, you are one of my heroes...
Douglas Chamberlain



